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Reply to Restriction Requirement and Preliminary Amendment

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An extension of time to respond to the Restriction Requirement is respectfully requested. A Petition for an Extension of Time and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently. Should any additional fees be required to ensure consideration of this response, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account 16-0085, Reference No. 11067/1090.

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 4, 11 and 31 as follows. Amendments to the claims are indicated in the attached "Marked Up Version of Amendments" (page i).

- Sub C6*
1. (Amended) A method of producing a red blood cell comprising an agent, the method comprising:
- (a) providing a red blood cell;
  - (b) pre-sensitising said red blood cell; and
  - (c) loading said red blood cell with said agent.

- Sub B7*
4. (Amended) A method for selectively releasing an agent from a red blood cell comprising the steps of:
- (a) pre-sensitising a red blood cell;
  - (b) loading said red blood cell with an agent;
  - (c) electrosensitising said red blood cell; and
  - (d) effectuating substantial release of said agent from said sensitised red blood cell by applying ultrasound at a frequency and energy sufficient to cause disruption of unsensitised red blood cells.

- Sub C8*
11. (Amended) A method according to claim 1 or claim 5, wherein said pre-sensitising step further comprises applying ultrasound to the red blood cell.